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Dear NOSB chairman Jim Riddle,

This letter is in regards to the NOSB Livestock Committee Recommendation Pasture Requirements for the National Organic Program.

We support all the issues on the recommendation.

We support action of Organic Valley, NOOPA, Cornucopia Institute, etc. on Pasture requirements.

A transitioning farmer/operation should be in compliance of the pasture requirements before obtaining an organic certificate.

Producers selling their milk as certified organic that will not comply with pasture requirements should be arrested as counterfeiters ("imitation of the real thing, made in likeness to defraud") and major non-compliers, punishable by de-certification and fines of up to \$10,000 per violation.

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We care about the healthfulness of our products. It is a known fact that milk produced by a grazing cow is healthier for the consumer than milk produced from cow on a high grain diet. One, but not the only, fact is, ^(good fat) milk made from grass is high in OMEGA 3 fatty acids and milk produced from a high grain and stored forage diet is higher in OMEGA 6 fatty acids ^(bad fat)

I sincerely,

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